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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 4, 11 and 12 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An X-ray detector module (1) which includes a carrier (3) that forms cells (4) arranged in the form of a grid and is made of a material that is essentially non-transparent to X-rays, wherein a mass of scintillator particles (6), having a grain size in the range of between 1nm and 200nm, that are embedded in a binder (7) and emit light in the range of a longer wavelength λ in response to the absorption of X-rays is provided in the cells (4), and wherein the difference between the refractive index of the scintillator particles (6) and the refractive index of the binder (7) for the wavelength λ amounts to less than 20% and preferably less than 10%.

- 2. (Original) An X-ray detector module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the binder contains TiO₂, notably in the form of rutile or anatase and/or a component of ZnO, ZnS, ZrO₂, BaSO₄ and/or PbCO₃.
- 3. (Currently Amended) An X-ray detector module, notably as claimed in claim 1, which includes a carrier (3) that forms cells (4) arranged in the form of a grid and is made of a material that is essentially non-transparent to X-rays, wherein a mass of scintillator particles (6) that are embedded in a binder (7) and emit light in the range of a longer wavelength λ in response to the absorption of X-rays is provided in the cells (4), and wherein the scintillator particles (6) have a grain size of less than 200 nm and preferably less than 100 nm.
- 4. (Currently Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed in at claim 1, characterized in that the carrier (3) consists of a metal, of a synthetic material that is filled with a metal and/or of glass that can be photostructured.
- 5. (Previously Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the surface of the carrier (3) is provided at least partly with a reflector layer (2) which has a degree of reflection of more than 90% for the light in the range of the wavelength λ .

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6. (Previously Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the volume of the scintillator particles (6) amounts to from 50% to 70% of the volume of the mass that is provided in the cells (4).

- 7. (Previously Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the height (h) of the mass embedded in the cells (4) amounts to from 0.1 mm to 5 mm.
- 8. (Previously Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the width (b) as measured in the plane of the array of the cells (4) is smaller than the height (h) of the cells.
- 9. (Previously Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the scintillator particles (6) contain rare earth oxide or oxisulphides with Pr, Ce, Tb and/or Eu as a doping material, notably Gd₂O₂S:Pr or Gd₂(SO₄)O:Ce, and/or alkali halides such as CsI:Tl, CsI:Na or NaI:Tl and/or CdWO₄.
- 10. (Previously Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that to one side of at least one cell (4) there is provided a detector (5) for converting photons from the range of the longer wavelength λ into an electrical signal.
- 11. (Currently Amended) An X-ray detector module as claimed notably in claim 1, which detector module includes a carrier (3, 3') that forms cells (4) arranged in the form of a grid and consists of a material that is essentially non-transparent to X-rays, wherein the cells (4) have a tubular shape and only a sub-volume of the cells contains a scintillator material (6, 7).
- 12. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an X-ray detector module (1) as claimed in claim 1, where a free-flowing mixture of a binder (7) and scintillator particles (6) is deposited at least once in the cells (4) of a carrier (3), after subsequently, the mixture is densified by thermal treatment and/or by UV irradiation.